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In re Application of

FRENKEN ET AL

Serial No.: 09/737,476

Group Art Unit: 1638

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Examiner: Collins, C.E.

Title: PRODUCTION OF ANTIBODIES

June 26, 2002

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2002, the applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1-7 and 9. However, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the restriction requirement insofar as it separates the Group II, IV and V claims from the Group I claims. It is noted that these groups of claims involve a common search area, notably Class 800, subclass 288. The respective sets of claims are, therefore, related in terms of the search area.

It is also submitted that the Group VI claim (claim 13) should be included with the Group I claims. The respective methods are sufficiently related to warrant examining the claims of these two groups together. However, it is particularly evident that the Groups I, II, IV and V should be searched and otherwise considered together.

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Reconsideration of the restriction requirement to the extent indicated above is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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